ACRO Global Radiation Oncology Workforce (GROW) Scholarship Details and Application

Background

The American College of Radiation Oncology (ACRO) in collaboration with Radiating Hope is offering an exciting opportunity for residents and young physicians. For 2017, we will be offering $2,000 per scholarship to participate in a journey through the Himalayas to Everest Base Camp as part of an advocacy trip with Radiating Hope. To broaden awareness and support for cancer education and treatment in developing countries, the ACRO Board of Chancellors and supporters of the College have dedicated funding to enable international travel to assist in radiation oncology related outreach on either this trip or another trip of the applicant's choosing.

Scholarship Details

• ACRO will provide $2,000 per travel grant for radiation oncology residents or young practitioners.
• The Everest Base Camp Trek is anticipated to take place 4/13/17-4/27/17.
• Additional expenses: The cost of travel and lodging may exceed the scholarship amount. In this case, additional expenses will be the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.
• Written certification of ability to travel by a resident’s Graduate Medical Education Office and chairman/program director is required.
• For those selected to receive the ACRO GROW Scholarship, individual travel and medical-evacuation insurance are required prior to distribution of funds.
• Final acceptance and disbursement of funds is subject to review by ACRO.

Eligibility

• Applicants should be driven to provide meaningful outreach and humanitarian support to the destination program, clinic, or institution. Applicants will be required to work with Radiating Hope (RadiatingHope.org) on a project that will advance cancer care.
• In order to be eligible as an applicant, the resident must demonstrate sufficient clinical training, as determined by a letter of support from the program director of the resident’s institution. In the case of new practitioners, a letter of support from the individual’s former program director/chairman (or current chairman if at an academic institution) will be required. For residents, this letter must indicate that the department supports and approves time away to the destination program, clinic, or institution as well as to the 2018 ACRO Annual Meeting.
• Upon return to the United States, recipients will provide high-resolution photos and at least standard-resolution video of their experience directly to ACRO. The scholarship recipients will submit a written account of their experience suitable for publication in the ACRO Bulletin, on the ACRO website, and other publications as
seen fit by ACRO Board of Chancellors.

- Scholarship recipients should attend ACRO’s Annual Meeting in the calendar year following their trip (2018) to provide an account of their experience.
- A statement of intent must be completed by a sponsor, faculty, or staff member of the destination program, clinic or institution. In the case of international sites partnered with Radiating Hope, this letter of support may be obtained with the assistance of the Radiating Hope organization.
- All submissions (including Application Form, Letter of Program Director/Chairman Support, and Statement of support for the proposed travel site) must be submitted by no later than 11:59 PM EST February 22nd, 2017.
- Travel insurance including medical evacuation with “hospital of choice” provision and trip cancelation due to illness/family member emergency must be purchased. Confirmation of travel insurance coverage must be submitted to ACRO prior to distribution of funds.
- Confirmation of travel reservations must be provided to ACRO within one month of receiving the award.
- Submissions will be assessed and scholarships will be awarded by members of the ACRO Resident Committee with input from the Board of Chancellors as needed.
- Awardees must sign a waiver releasing ACRO of any liability or responsibility related to or in conjunction with their travel and stay.
- The planned dates of travel must occur while the applicant remains an active resident or during the first three years upon completion of residency as a ‘young/new practitioner’.
- Travel must last for a minimum of one week (7-days) of dedicated service but may extend up to one month. Failure to comply with program requirements may be subject to award revocation at the discretion of the ACRO Board of Chancellors and ACRO Global Health Resident Committee.
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Date: _______________________

Name: ________________________________

Current Residency Program or hospital/clinic of employment:
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Date of completion of residency:
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Home Address:
___________________________________  ______________

Email: ______________________________________

Phone:__________________

1) Will you be able to travel with Radiating Hope in April 2017 to Everest Base Camp?

   a. If No, where and when would you like to travel?

      i. Name of Destination Program, Clinic, Hospital:

      ii. Website (if available) and contact information:

   b. Have you traveled there before? If yes, provide details on a separate page including dates, reason for travel, etc.

2) Do you speak any foreign languages?

3) Describe any medical mission or travel outside the US

4) Are you a member of ACRO?

5) How did you learn about this scholarship?

6) Personal statement and CV (response limited to one typed page, may be attached separately along with CV): Please describe your interest in global health, including your goals for the trip and how this experience may impact your future as a physician.